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- 81. The method according to claim 77 further comprising relocating the biopsy site by finding the bioabsorbable element.
- 82. The method according to claim 81 wherein the relocating step is carried out by a chosen one of palpation and remote visualization.
- 83. The method according to claim 81 wherein the relocating step is carried out by remote visualization using at least one of ultrasound, mammography and MRI.
- 84. The method according to claim 81 wherein the relocating step is carried out prior to the medically treating step.
- 85. The method according to claim 84 wherein the medical treating step comprises removal of tissue.
- 86. The method according to claim 77 wherein the positioning step is carried out using a remotely visulizable bioabsorable element, and wherein the relocating step comprises guiding a treatment device to the bioabsorable element by at least one of remote visualization and palpation.
- 87. The method according to claim 77 wherein the medically treating step comprises activating the site locatable by the bioabsorbable element.
- 88. The method according to claim 87 wherein the activating step is carried out by at least one of:

injecting a radiation-emitting element at the vicinity of the target site;

externally irradiating the target site; and

triggering a substance carried by the element.

REMARKS

Claims 53-88 remain in this case.

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